

IN THE CLAIMS

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND the claims in accordance with the following:

1. (CANCELLED)

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A point-service system that can be accessed by a customer using a terminal device via a network, the system comprising:

a point database recording a number of points accumulated for ~~a~~the customer along with identifying information of each of a plurality of point-usable facilities, the points being issued to the customer by ~~a each of the plurality of point-usable facilities and recording the number of points issued to the customer by each point-usable facility along with identifying information of each point-usable facility;~~

~~means for~~a receiving portion that receives, from the customer, ~~requests~~ a request for a an arbitrary number of reserved points from among the number of points accumulated in any one of the plurality of point-use~~point-usable facilities from among the accumulated number of points and for generating recognition codes for each requested number of reserved points from any one of the plurality of point-use facilities from among the accumulated number of points;~~

~~means for recording~~

an issuing portion that issues a recognition code for the requested arbitrary number of reserved points;

a recording portion that records, in a use management~~database~~ database, identifying information of the customer, the requested ~~numbers~~ arbitrary number of reserved points from any one of the plurality of point-use facilities from among the accumulated number of points, the recognition ~~codes~~code and a use status of the requested arbitrary number of reserved points based on the request for the arbitrary generated for each requested number of reserved points, and use status of each requested number of reserved points, according to the customer

requests for the number of reserved points;

~~means for transmitting~~ a transmitting portion that transmits data of a point use ticket comprising each the requested arbitrary number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points and each recognition code generated for each requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, to the customer terminal device for providing the point use ticket; and the recognition code, to the terminal device for issuance of the point use ticket by printing the requested arbitrary number of reserved points and the recognition code at the customer side; and

~~means for determining~~ a determining portion that determines a point use ticket is usable by verifying a reference request from a point usable facility transmitting the point use ticket customer identifying information, the a number of reserved points of the point use ticket to be referred and the generated a recognition code of the point use ticket, with the use management database including verifying the use status of the referenced number of reserved points for the generated recognition code to be referred,

the verifying being conducted by comparing the number of reserved points and the recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred with the requested arbitrary number of reserved points and the recognition code recorded in the use management database, respectively, and

the verifying including verifying a use status of the number of reserved points for the recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred.

3. (currently amended) The point-service system according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 2, further comprising:

~~means for a subtracting portion~~ subtracting the number of reserved points, for which the recognition code is ~~generated~~ issued, from the accumulated number of points, and recording the remaining number of points as a new accumulated number of points in the point database;

~~means for a reference portion~~ referring to the use management database in accordance with a cancel request with the recognition code from the customer to invalidate the ~~generated~~ issued recognition code, when the use status information of the arbitrary number of reserved points indicates unused; and

~~means for an adding portion~~ adding the arbitrary number of reserved points for the invalidated ~~generated~~ issued recognition code to the accumulated number of points for the

customer to record the added number of reserved points as a new accumulated number of points in the point database.

4. (CANCELLED)

5. (currently amended) The point-service system according to ~~claim 1~~claim 2, further comprising ~~means for a display portion~~ transmitting a use request display for the customer to view the accumulated number of points and to input the arbitrary number of reserved points to the terminal device of the customer.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording medium storing a program for a point-service system that can be accessed by a customer using a terminal device via a network, the program enabling a computer to execute operations comprising:

~~entering, by~~receiving from the customer, a request for an arbitrary number of reserved points from among a number of points accumulated in any one of a plurality of point-use facilities issuing points to the customer ~~and accumulated for the customer, on a display of the terminal device;~~

~~generating~~issuing a recognition code for the requested arbitrary number of reserved points~~each entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, in response to a request from the customer to use the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points;~~

~~recording the generated~~issued recognition code, ~~with the entered~~the requested arbitrary number of reserved points ~~from among the accumulated number of points and with a use status of the~~ requested arbitrary number of reserved points, based upon the request for the arbitrary number of reserved points;

~~subtracting the entered number of reserved points from the accumulated number of points for the customer, and recording a remaining number of points as a new accumulated number of points;~~

~~transmitting data of a point use ticket, comprising the entered~~requested arbitrary number of reserved points ~~from among the accumulated number of points and the recognition code generated for the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, to the terminal device~~ for issuance of the point use ticket by printing the requested arbitrary number of reserved points and the recognition code at the customer side; and

~~displaying the point use ticket on the display of the terminal device to allow the customer to print the point use ticket for use by the customer; and~~

determining a point use ticket is usable by verifying a reference request for the arbitrary number of reserved points from a point usable facility transmitting ~~the a~~ number of reserved points of the point use ticket to be referred and the generated ~~a~~ recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred, ~~based upon the recorded generated recognition code and the use status of the reserved points~~

the verifying being conducted by comparing the number of reserved points and the recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred with the recorded requested arbitrary number of reserved points and the recorded recognition code, respectively, and

the verifying including verifying a use status of the number of reserved points for the recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A point-service system that can be accessed by a customer using a terminal device via a network, the system comprising:

a controller

recording a number of points accumulated for a customer, the points issued to the customer by a plurality of point-usable facilities,

recording the number of points issued to the customer by each point-usable facility along with identifying information of each point-usable facility,

receiving, from the customer, ~~requests~~ a request for ~~an~~ an arbitrary number of reserved points from among number of points accumulated in any one of the ~~plurality of point-use~~ point-usable facilities ~~from among the accumulated number of points,~~

~~generating~~ issuing a recognition ~~codes~~ code for ~~each~~ the requested arbitrary number of reserved points ~~from any one of the plurality of point-use facilities from among the accumulated number of points,~~

recording in a use management database identifying information of the customer, the requested ~~numbers~~ arbitrary number of reserved points ~~from any one of the plurality of point-use facilities from among the accumulated number of points,~~ the issued recognition ~~codes~~ code, and use status of ~~each~~ the requested arbitrary number of reserved points, according to the customer ~~requests~~ request for the arbitrary number of reserved points,

transmitting data of a point use ticket comprising ~~each~~ the requested arbitrary

~~number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points and each~~the issued
~~recognition code generated for each requested number of reserved points from among the~~
~~accumulated number of points, to the customer terminal device for providing~~issuing the point
use ticket, and

determining a point use ticket is usable by verifying a reference request ~~for the~~
arbitrary number of reserved points from a point usable facility transmitting ~~the point use ticket~~
customer identifying information, ~~the~~a number of reserved points of the point use ticket and ~~the~~
~~generated~~a recognition code of the point use ticket, ~~with the use management database~~
~~including verifying the use status of the referenced number of reserved points for the generated~~
~~recognition code~~

the verifying being conducted by comparing the number of reserved points and
the recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred with the requested arbitrary number of
reserved points and the recognition code recorded in the use management database,
respectively, and

the verifying including verifying a use status of the number of reserved points for
the recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of issuing points in a point-service system that can be accessed by a customer using a terminal device via a network, the method comprising:

~~entering, by~~receiving from the customer, a request for an arbitrary number of reserved points from among a number of point accumulated in any one of a plurality of point-use facilities issuing points to the customer ~~and accumulated for the customer, on a display of the terminal device;~~

~~generating~~issuing a recognition code for the requested arbitrary number of reserved
point~~each entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, in~~
~~response to a request from the customer to use the entered number of reserved points from~~
~~among the accumulated number of points;~~

recording the ~~generated~~issued recognition code, the requested arbitrary ~~with the entered~~
number of reserved points ~~from among the accumulated number of points and with a use status~~
of the requested arbitrary number of reserved points, based upon the request for the arbitrary
number of reserved points;

~~subtracting the entered number of reserved points from the accumulated number of~~

points for the customer, and recording a remaining number of points as a new accumulated number of points;

transmitting data of a point use ticket, comprising the ~~entered~~requested arbitrary number of reserved points from ~~among the accumulated number of points and the recognition code generated for the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points,~~ to the terminal device for issuance of the point use ticket by printing the requested arbitrary number of reserved points and the recognition code at the customer side; and

~~displaying the point use ticket on the display of the terminal device to allow the customer to print the point use ticket for use by the customer; and~~

determining a point use ticket is usable by verifying a reference request for the arbitrary number of reserved points from a point usable facility transmitting ~~the~~a number of reserved points of the points use ticket to be referred and ~~the generated~~a recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred, ~~based upon the recorded generated recognition code and the use status of the reserved points~~

the verifying being conducted by comparing the number of reserved points and the recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred with the recorded requested arbitrary number of reserved points and the recorded recognition code, respectively, and

the verifying including verifying a use status of the number of reserved points for the recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred.